December 2012

Date of Occurrence: December 10, 2012 @ 0030 hrs.

On this date, PFC John Mitchell was flagged down in the area of the 1100 block of Dover Avenue by four robbery victims. The victims advised they were just robbed by three unknown black males one of which was armed with a black handgun in the alley behind 1500 Maple Avenue. The victims had \$43.00 U.S.C., several cell phones, rings, and a wallet stolen. PFC Mitchell's investigation was able to identify the three robbery suspects. Two suspects; Joeqwell Coverdale and Joseph Coverdale were arrested and are incarcerated at Howard Young Correctional Institute on Robbery and Weapon Charges. The third suspect is still at large at this time.

Date of Occurrence: December 12, 2012 @ 0600 hrs.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 12th, Elsmere Police officers conducted a search warrant in the 1500 block of Maple Avenue at the Fenwick Park Apartment complex. The search warrant recovered a silver Reck P8 635 handgun with one magazine and 8 ammo rounds with one in the chamber, \$614.00 in USC, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, prescription pills and officers also seized surveillance equipment and computers. Defendant # 1; Bernardo McKinney of the 1500 block of Maple Avenue was charged with the following: Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (2 cts) Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of a Firearm by Person Prohibited, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited Due to being in Possession of Drugs, (3 cts) Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Def #1 also had several failure to appear traffic capiases. Defendant received a \$9,000 unsecured bond on the criminal charges and was committed to the Howard Young on \$500.00 secured bond on the failure to appear capiases. Defendant #2; Ashley King of the same location was charged with the following: Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, (2 cts) Possession of Controlled Substance, (3 cts.) Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by Person Prohibited Due to being in Possession of Drugs. Defendant received a \$9,000 unsecured bond and was released pending her court date.

Date of Occurrence: December 28, 2012 @ 0310 hrs.

On this date, Ptlm. Giles was on routine patrol when he observed two individuals changing a tire in the 200 block of Filbert Avenue. When Ptlm. Giles inquired what the men were doing they both were evasive in their responses. Upon Ptlm. Giles further questioning he was able to determine the men were in the process of stealing the tire from the Cadillac parked in front of the victim's residence. Defendant #1; David Bunner of the 1300 block of Clifford Road, Wilmington and Defendant #2; Donald Phillippi of the 800 block Samantha Circle, Bear were charged with Theft, Conspiracy and Possession of Burglary Tools. Both were arraigned and were released on Unsecured Bond.

Date of Occurrence: December 29, 2012 @ 1830 hrs.

On the this date, Ptlm. West, PFC Rodick and Cpl. Sowden responded to the 2100 Block of Seneca Road for the report of a home invasion that had just occurred. Upon arrival the victim advised that a black male entered her apartment and displayed a small handgun and stole \$1,400.00 and other personal valuables. Also in the residence were the victims two children ages 21 months old and 3 months old. Det. Shelton is scheduling a sketch artist from ATF to meet with the victim for a photo composite of the suspect. At this time this case is pending active.